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# Beta-Nu Newsletter 2020

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## Beta-Nu Housing Update

Brothers:

We have reached a point where we can comfortably make some long-term decisions on the path taken with the capital campaign. As you know, we began with the goal of constructing a new house in the Greek Village with a combination of our capital and a loan from the University. As we reached the point of achieving this, another option surfaced when the University allowed us to compete for the lease on an existing house they owned (former ATO). The lease is similar to what we had for many years at 460 Hilltop Avenue that required only a very modest annual payment but where we were responsible fully for all of the capital and maintenance needs of the house. As you know, we ultimately found the lease a more attractive path and one with less financial risk. This letter will update you on the campaign and some decisions made by the House Corporation.

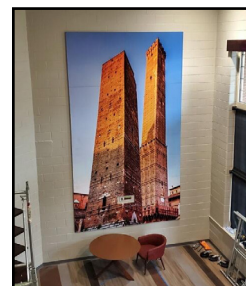
First a summary of the dollars at hand. The campaign raised slightly more than \$1.5 million and through 10/15/2020 have collected about a little over \$1.2 million. Of the remaining \$300,000, we have a reserve for write-offs of about \$80,000, leaving \$220,000 we expect to be collected. Payments are coming in regularly and we are about to undertake a dedicated program on some of the balances.

To date we have spent about \$300,000 on renovations and have two outstanding projects in motion totaling about \$40,000. The initial renovations included new flooring through the house, HVAC and boiler repairs, painting, and common area furnishings. The current projects are focused on the lobby and the patio. This leaves us with about \$850,000 in hand plus the \$220,000 in outstanding pledges. We need to view the future capital needs of the house essentially as though we own it and set aside reserves to fund this liability now. The useful life of the building is a 40 year plus window. We have worked with the University to identify near term needs and those of a longer term nature. For example, the house has the original roof and HVAC chiller, and the building is over twenty years old. With a long-term view, we need to plan for both annual maintenance and replacements will repeat itself. We have estimated a minimum of \$550,000 in needs to be reserved and plan to allow future collection to build this balance.

With the above path on taking care of the physical needs of the house, we have the ability to direct some of the dollars raised in another direction. The goal here is leadership focused scholarships for the undergraduates. We will initially focus on the chapter officers as a means to incent this behavior. Nine brothers have redirected their gifts to a separate University fund that will endow these future scholarships creating an account valued at \$400,000.

### In summary our current and future position:

Cash in hand after 2020 renovations:	\$850K
Less Scholarship designations:	(\$400K)
Current house capital reserves:	\$450K
Pledges receivable:	\$220K
Future house capital reserves:	\$670K



The House Corporation believes this will leave us in a solid position to deal with the future and the unknowns that lie ahead as well as helping us recruit and retain the type of members we want. With all of this, we can't sit still on what can be done to improve the situation and make the Beta-Nu Chapter attractive.

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**2020  
2021**

## Key Chapter Leaders & Active Volunteers

### Executive Committee:

#### Grand Master

Chase Sanders '19

#### Grand Procurator

Chandler Caraway '19

#### Grand Treasurer

Charlie Peretich '18

#### Grand Scribe

Michael Bessette '18

#### Grand Master of Ceremonies

Skyler Smith '19

#### Pledge Educator

Seth Cowan '18

#### Social Chairman

Jacob Sarno '19, Michael Meiners '19, &  
Grant Meyer '20

#### Rush Chairman

Alex Malachowski '18 & Alex Lazinsk '20

#### Scholarship Chairman

Dan Wingfield '19 & Ben Samson '19

#### Public Relations Chairman

Michael Bosko '18

#### Alumni Chairman

John Solar '20

#### Intramural Chairman

Travis Simpson '18

#### Formal Chairman

Nathan Karam '18

#### Philanthropy Chairman

Robbert Mefford '18

#### T-Shirt Chairmen

Austin Howard '19 & Jonathan Andrews '20

#### Risk Management

Farris Shakadih '20 & Philip Gault '20

#### Sereneade Chairmen

Luke Cowan '18

### Chapter Advisors:

#### Alumnus Advisor

Joey Otcasek '17

#### Assistant Alumnus Advisors

Leighton Dupree '15

Andrew Wade '10

### Housing Board Corporation:

#### President

Bob Droste '76

#### Vice President

Michael Gray '77

#### Treasurer

Russell F. Tucker '71

#### Secretary

Jim Malone '80

#### At Large Directors

Jeremy Bates '90, Kenny Coleman '03,

Travis Frick '95, Jeremy Nalli '95,

Hank Robinson & Mike Stacy '92

# GM Report



Brothers,

I hope this correspondence finds you and your loved ones healthy and well. Indeed, we are all facing unprecedented times navigating this new world. Despite all of the challenges that living in a global pandemic has thrown our way, the brothers of the Beta-Nu chapter of Kappa Sigma have risen to the occasion and shown unparalleled resilience.

Please join me in welcoming to our numbers nine new brothers, recently initiated from the

Spring 2020 semester. I am exceptionally proud to call these men Beta-Nu, and am excited to see how they will help contribute to the success of our chapter. As I am sure you would agree, however, the brothers of Beta-Nu do not become complacent with success. I am exceptionally proud to inform you that, with the outstanding help of our Rush chairman, Alex Malachowski ('18), we were able to obtain a fall pledge class of 31 men. Each one of these new members offers a unique skillset that I have no doubt will thrive in this environment.

I would encourage any and all alumni to please stay up to date on our efforts to establish a strong career network so as to help our active brothers in their professional development. Our alumni chairman, John Solar '20, has been working diligently to make this new platform as thorough as possible. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this initiative, please feel free to reach out to Brother Solar or myself.

I look forward to the day where we can return to communal congregation, and anxiously await the opportunity to celebrate the tremendous brotherhood that this fraternity has to offer. Please know of my well wishes to you and your families. Do not hesitate to reach out to me at any time if you have any inquiries or concerns with the status of the chapter, or if you would appreciate more details on any upcoming chapter events.

Best,  
AEKΔB,  
Chase Sanders '19  
Grand Master

# Beta-Nu kicks off our Virtual Career Network and Speaker Series



Beta-Nu has recently established a unique career network and speaker series to connect alumni, parents and undergraduates. Created as a way to keep alumni, parents and undergraduates engaged during the COVID-19 pandemic, this program will become a great network for alumni and undergraduates. It's a great way to reconnect, share stories of success, and provide invaluable advice.

## Beta-Nu To Start New Career Network

We are committed to creating leadership and career development opportunities for all members. The Beta-Nu Career Network fosters active engagement for alumni and undergrads, as well as parents and employers.

The network provides access to career planning tips, leadership development information, a job and resume board, and a mentoring platform. It's a unique program only offered by Fraternity Management Group to advance the career needs and possibilities of our members.

Alumni, parents and undergraduates are encouraged to participate in the Beta-Nu Career Network. Simply go to <https://kappasigmauk.com/careers>, enter the password (**betanucareers!**) From there, you can:

- 1 Post jobs and resumes, and search for jobs.
- 2 Create mentoring profiles
- 3 Navigate through other key features.

## Beta-Nu Speakers Series

The program kicked off this past spring with a presentation by Jonathon Nalli '93 who discussed the impact of COVID on healthcare and continued with the Virtual Hall of Fame we recently hosted. We hope to soon start hosting presentations bi-monthly to quarterly. Stay tuned for future presentations by checking out our calendar at <https://kappasigmauk.com>. If you are willing to make a presentation yourself or with a few others, please email Matt Noble at [matt.noble@fmgtucson.com](mailto:matt.noble@fmgtucson.com).

The new speaker series and career network are made possible thanks to financial contributions from alumni and parents via our career and leadership fund <https://uky.networkforgood.com/causes/17018-kappa-sigma-career-leadership-fund> and/or through job postings. Thanks in advance for your support.



Please update  
your information

Brothers, with us pushing towards e-news and other web-based communications, we'd appreciate it if you would take a moment to visit our website at [kappasigmauk.com](https://kappasigmauk.com) and update your contact and career information. <https://fmgtucson.wufoo.com/forms/betanu-of-kappa-sigma-alumni-update/>





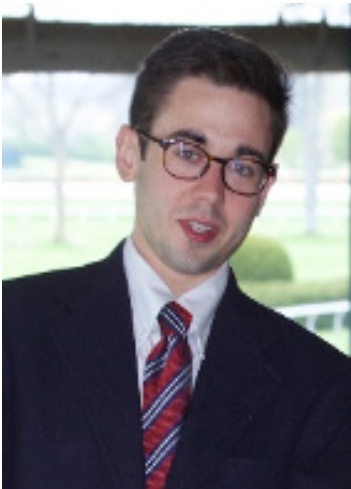
# MEET OUR NEW CHAPTER ADVISORS



## Joey Otcasek '17

Joey Otcasek '17 is the Alumnus Advisor for the Beta-Nu chapter. He is from Strongsville, Ohio, and went to school at the University of Cincinnati where he graduated in 2019. He is an Engineer working for L3Harris. His hobbies include Browns Football, technology, and he is currently trying to learn the piano. Joey was a founding father of his chapter; is the ADGM of Southern Ohio & Greater Kentucky Districts; is on the BIA Commission; and was Area 3 Undergraduate Brother of the Year for 2018-19.

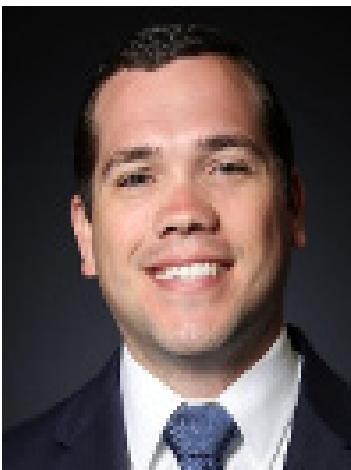
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## Leighton Dupree '15

Leighton Dupree '15 is an Assistant Alumni Advisor for the Beta-Nu chapter. He is from Lexington, Kentucky and graduated from the University of Kentucky in 2018. He is finishing up his Masters of Health Administration at UK. His interests fall with data analytics, drawing, and the Premier League. Leighton served the Beta Nu chapter as Alumni Chair and Grand Master of Ceremonies.

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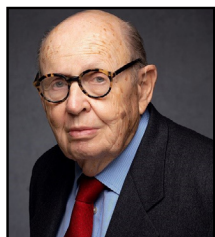
## Andrew Wade '10

Andrew Wade '10 is an assistant alumni advisor to the Beta-Nu Chapter at the University of Kentucky. Andrew graduated in May 2014 with a BS in Education. He worked as a State Farm team member for four years prior to opening up his own agency in May 2018. He and his wife, Lydia (11' Delta Zeta) and their dog Winnie live in Lexington. He also serves on an advisory panel for aspiring State Farm agents in KY. In his free time he enjoys golf, Orangetheory fitness, and building on his bourbon collection.



# ALUMNI

## WHAT ARE THEY DOING NOW?



**Charles English '54** is an Attorney and Partner for English, Lucas, Priest & Owsley, LLP. Him and his wife Barbara live in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

**Shane Shepherd '95** is the Vice President of Technology & Business Development for AmeriQual Group LLC. Shane currently resides in Evansville, Indiana where he continues to advance his career in Food Science.



**Hubert Griffin '98** is the Chief Development officer of Louisville Orchestra. Him and his wife live in Louisville, Kentucky. Hubert works on the board of the Louisville Orchestra and Brightside Louisville, which works to promote clean and green activities throughout communities and their neighborhoods.



**William Corum '63** is the President for Corum Farms, Inc. Him and his wife, Fee, live in Madisonville, Kentucky and are parents to two kids. Outside of William's work in the Real Estate sector, he is a member of Kiwanis, volunteers for the Salvation Army, a member of the University of Kentucky Alumni Association, and a member of the Trover Health Care Board.



**Zach Lathram '07** is a Store Manager for Sterling & Burke. Zach currently resides in Arlington, Virginia where he continues to pursue his passion in Ready-to-Wear and Custom-Tailored clothing.



**Brent Bruner '81** is the Principal for EOP Architects. Brent currently resides in Lexington, Kentucky where along with his work in architecture, is a member of the local chapter of the American Institute of Architects. He also serves as a mentor to high school and college students who are actively pursuing a future career in architecture.



**Jesse Parrish '09** is the CEO of Blackhawk Mining LLC. Him and his wife Anne currently raise their two children in Lexington, Kentucky, where he successfully has run a diversified coal mining company.



**Dr. Bryan Payne '85** is a clinical professor at LSU and Neurosurgery Section Chief for Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System. Him and his wife, Kristen, live in New Orleans, Louisiana where they raise their five children.



**Ryan Hoskins '12** is the Group Leader of Manufacturing Engineering for Robert Bosh Automotive Steering LLC. Outside of his position at Bosh Automotive, Ryan volunteers at both the Ronald McDonald house as well as the Human Society. Ryan currently resides in Florence, Kentucky.

**Shawn O'Connor '85** is the Group Vice President and Metals Division Head for Toyota Tsusho America, Inc. Living in Dry Ridge, Kentucky Shawn and his wife Kelly have and continue to raise their four children.





# MEET A FEW BETA-NU UNDERGRADUATES



## Alex Malachowski '18

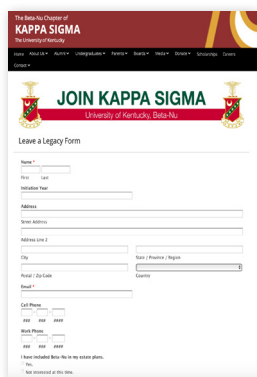
My name is Alex Malachowski and I am currently a junior here at the University of Kentucky. I was born and raised in the Chicago suburbs about twenty minutes north of Naperville. I was initiated in the Fall class of 2018. I am majoring in Broadcast Journalism with a minor in Theater with hopes of becoming a television news anchor. I love to play a role within the community of UK, I am involved with the Philanthropy Office and the Lexington Humane Society. I have served my chapter this semester as our Recruitment chair, COVID-19 presented some challenges but as a chapter we were still able to achieve a fantastic rush class. Being a Kappa Sigma is more than just letters on your chest, we strive for brotherhood and success among one and another. Being a Beta-Nu means that I am never alone, I am surrounded by friends I now call my brothers. My advice for new members is to maintain a daily routine and to stay on top of your studies as you venture down this exciting new path in your lives.



## Ben Samson '20

I am an incoming sophomore at the University of Kentucky studying neuroscience on a pre-medicine track. I am a Patterson Scholar from Benton, Kentucky. Under Beta-Nu I have served as scholarship chair as well as pledge class social chair. Being a member of this fraternity has challenged me to grow as a person and a student. More than anything, being in this brotherhood, and greek life as a whole, gives me a real feeling of community. My advice to any new members is to find a healthy balance between academics and social life. Beta-Nu provides many resources so that our members can excel in the classroom, while still making the most of their college experience. Living on campus during the COVID-19 pandemic has been a tough adjustment; however, all of us have been trying to do their part to reduce the spread and be socially conscious of others.

# Support Beta-Nu through our giving opportunities



## LEGACY GIVING

Please consider leaving a legacy with Beta-Nu that helps us fund housing upgrades, career and leadership programs, and scholarships in areas you would like to impact. Learn more about Beta-Nu's Leave a Legacy program at <https://www.kappasigmak.com/leave-a-legacy>.

## Minimum Annual Funding Needs We Hope To Meet Through Gifts



\$5,000	\$20,000	\$25,000
Educational Programs	Housing Corporation	Scholarships

## BECOME A BETA-NU REGULAR DONOR/INVESTOR

Now that Beta-Nu has gotten our young men into competitive housing, we are looking for donors (investors) to help us maintain a chapter of excellence. We want to ensure that we have funding to award scholarships, to provide educational programs, to maintain a successful Alumni Association, and complete facility upgrades as needed. You can give in one of two ways:

- Make a one-time donation via credit card or check to the Housing Corporation or University, and/or
- Join our newly created 1901 Club honoring our chapter founding as a donor to the House Corporation and/or University, which is a monthly recurring gift donation via credit card. A monthly gift of \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100 or more will make a difference in our future success.

Visit <https://www.kappasigmak.com/donate-now> to learn how you can support Beta-Nu through an online gift, check or legacy giving.

## THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

We would like to thank all alumni who made a contribution from January 1-November 1, 2020. We know these are difficult times for many but if you are interested in providing a gift to our House Corporation or University Building Fund, want to learn about how to provide scholarships through the Kappa Sigma Endowment Fund or the University, or want to learn more about how to Leave A Legacy with your estate, please contact Michael Gray at [graybear57@gmail.com](mailto:graybear57@gmail.com) or 919-624-4945 or Matt Noble at [matt.noble@fmgtucson.com](mailto:matt.noble@fmgtucson.com) or 520-990-3250

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Zachary Lathram '07  
William Ellis '10  
Alex Malone '15



## BETA-NU VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers are the key to Beta-Nu's success. We are looking for alumni willing to join our team in these areas:

**Advisory Team:** help provide advice to undergraduate officers & chairs in the running of the chapter.

**Alumni Association:** help in coordinating the fall Beta-Nu Hall of Fame & Football Game Weekend and the spring Keeneland Alumni & Parent Weekend.

**House Corporation:** help in serving on one of our committees (Finances, Fundraising, Legal, Property Management & University Relations).

Contact Michael Gray at [graybear57@gmail.com](mailto:graybear57@gmail.com) or 919-624-4945.





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Two new efforts will kick off this fall/winter. One is aimed at helping these young men gain employment post-graduation and the other is aimed at keeping them and us connected for life. We have established a new career program that includes career resources, a job board, mentor-mentee platform, and partnership with the University Career Office. Jim Stuckert has seeded an endowed fund at the University with us focused on career and leadership with a gift of \$25K. These dollars will be used to assist these young men in developing their leadership skills and support them as they move into their careers. Expect to hear soon on how you can support the chapter by joining as a mentor and/or by promoting internships and full-time jobs. The second effort will be an annual alumni dues program run through the House Corporation to focus on the need for maintaining records, hosting alumni events, sending communications, and keeping appropriate operating reserves. You will soon see a more detailed communication on how you can join as a partner in helping us sustain the success of the chapter.

Finally, all donors (except the nine noted above) have or will receive a letter from the University stating that their gift or pledge will be moved from the current building construction fund to the building reserve fund unless the donor tells them otherwise. This is the recommendation of the House Corporation, but donors are free to direct your gift to the scholarship fund or the career fund described above. Our hope is that the scholarship or career funds and the alumni dues will be where brothers continue to show their support.

We can all be proud of what has been accomplished and look forward to a bright future for the chapter. Your gifts have made a difference. Honor your past commitments and please consider how you can help us make this even better in the future.

AEKDB  
Beta-Nu House Corporation

## DON'T MISS IT!

### Kappa Sigma Man of the Year Banquet

April 17, 2021

Watch for more details  
here in the near future:

<https://kappasigmauk.com/events/kappa-sigma-2019-man-of-the-year-april-17-2021>

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